

VIBRATIONS



THE OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOCIATION

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Step into the CELEBRATION

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 6, the OSA will host its 4th Annual Meeting-Dinner-Dance at the PBA Manor, 3245 So. Grove in Berwyn. As in the past, it should prove to be a great reunion. Last year, over 200 attended the gala affair.

The doors open at 6:00 PM to a period of fellowship followed by a family-style dinner at 7:30. Prior to dinner, 1982 dues will be accepted and elections will be completed for three open positions on the board of directors. For an hour before dinner and immediately after dinner there will be an open bar. A short program will follow the meal consisting of a musical slide presentation, membership recognition, and an introduction to the 1982 board of directors. Master of Ceremonies will be veteran Scouter and Staffman, Jack Coussens. From 9 - 12:00, music for listening and dancing enjoyment will be provided by "The Good Times". Of course, the evening would not be complete without a few camp songs and roll call.

For all the above, tickets will cost \$18.00. Individuals are encouraged to get together with their friends and reserve a table of 10. Attendance is by reservation only and must be submitted by March 1...so, do not delay! Anyone having any questions should contact the banquet chairman, Phil Niziol, at 562-4874.

Remember, this evening is for the members, their families and friends. Let's all "Step Into the Celebration" and get together once again for what promises to be the best Annual Meeting yet!

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HOLD IT!

HAVE YOU YET TO REGISTER FOR 1982 OR CONTRIBUTE TO THE SHOWER HOUSE PROJECT? Why not respond today? See pgs. 3 and 12 for more details. Also, pgs. 5 - 8 is a special election feature!



YES! COUNT ME IN FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL - MEETING ON MARCH 6! ENCLOSED IS \$ _____ FOR _____ TICKETS AT \$18 EACH.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOC. - PO BOX 97, WESTCHESTER 60153

All of a sudden...
the whole gang will join in!



A message from the president

by Jack "Tiny" Norman

Well folks, this is it...my last message as president and as a member of the OSA board of directors. I must say that the last four years as a director have been very exciting. Additionally, I have been deeply honored to have served as your president for the past two years. It will be hard for me to let go, but I believe that the leadership of the Association needs new people to inject new and different ideas toward our objectives.

We have seen a large influx of people into our organization. Not all of them have been from the same background. There are, of course, those that have served on the Owasippe staff, those that have offered volunteer service toward the camping program, and those that have had no camp experience or interaction with the camping program but do have a sincere interest in our goals and purpose. The Association has welcomed all of these people and should continue to welcome them.

Our key resource is our membership... not just our numbers but those who really give of themselves to support our organization and to help the Chicago Area Council's camping program remain the best outdoor experience anywhere in the USA. By helping to upgrade or maintain the camp facilities, we can influence the experience of every Scout that comes to camp. If we can offer our volunteer resources to the Council's camps, the OSA will help them spread their dollars farther to enrich the entire Boy Scout program.

We must always remember that we were organized to help the camps...not to run them! The camping facilities do belong to the Scouts and Scouters of the Chicago Area Council. If the Council did not want us around, there would be no way we could be of service. After all, we are an outside and independent group, and the Council does not have to accept us. Therefore, a cooperative and useful alliance has been formed for a mutual objective...the preservation of a great camping tradition. We support all decisions that benefit the camps and will assist in the formulation of camping policies when asked.

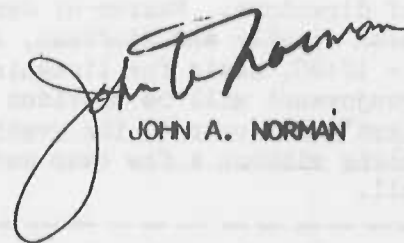
One thing I would really like to see is more involvement by the membership. Yes,

you come out for the picnic, dinner dance and pizza night... between 60 and 200 of you, but, when it comes down to our annual service projects, it is like pulling teeth to get just 40 people there! Why is this? I don't have "the answer", but at least I can say that I have gone and worked because of my love for the camps, not because I felt I was obligated by being a leader of the OSA. There are a few members that give weeks and even months of service (No, not all of us can do that!) each year. Why can't more just give two or three weekends a year to help? The more people we have attend, the more we can get accomplished!

There is always work for everyone. You don't have to be a skilled laborer to help out. If you can paint or wash windows or fold a tent you are a big help, so don't be afraid to come out! Take a look at our 1982 calendar and reserve the dates that are scheduled for our work projects and the Camporall. To have 50 to 100 people come to help out would be a big boost to our Association as well as a good deed. If you can't make all three, then come out for at least two work projects or contribute in some other way.

Your support is needed and requested... for the good of the camps and the Scouts that go there. Where there is a will, there is a way to help! Your gas and time is all that will cost you, and you will derive a great sense of satisfaction when done. As an Association, we can all take pride in what we accomplish.

THANK YOU,



JOHN A. NORMAN

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THE CHALLENGE

by Gordon Stiefel

A deep blanket of snow now covers our concrete slab for the shower house at Camp Wolverine. The slab, poured in late Fall, is situated amongst the upper sites near the chapel. The rough plumbing was also installed, and 2-75 gallon hot water tanks were bought.

Does this sound like the same progress report as in the last issue of "Vibrations"? It is! The holidays past were times when we should have remembered the Scouts who really are in need of such a facility. I regret to report that all too few of us have "dug down deep" and contributed toward the completion of our project. Meeting "The Challenge" has been difficult and, at times, disheartening as only \$1300 has been collected toward the goal of \$4500 for the first shower.

However, there is time, hope, and your potential support. The opportunity is still there to write that check for just \$5, \$10 or \$25. What better time to help than now...when tax rebates are near and 1982 OSA dues must also be submitted. Do it for the kids! Do it for the betterment of Owasippe! For whatever motivates you...please help!

Our focus is on completing the Wolverine unit. It would be marvelous if sufficient funds were in to erect two or three buildings (Camps Robert Crown and Sauger Lake have none)! Ideally, two shower houses are needed for each of the section camps. If you recall, revised fire codes, old equipment and rising energy and maintenance costs have outmoded and closed the showers in the majority of the camps' sanitary units.

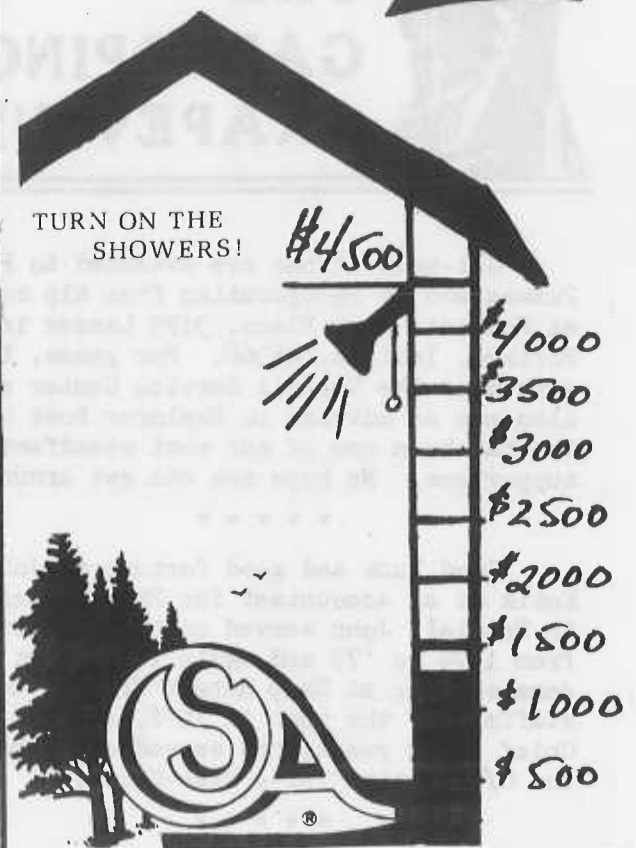
Our building committee is now in process of formulating a materials list and reviewing plans for Spring construction. The next item on the work agenda is a dual septic system. Building completion is slated for our Fix-It Weekend on May 21-23.

Other opportunities will also be presented in the future to help. On February 6, the directors will conduct a membership phonethon; Dominic Days and Jewel Shop N Share will be sponsored in March and April, respectively; a raffle will be held at our Annual Meeting; and another garage sale will be hosted this Spring.

Some special "THANK YOUS" are in order to:

- the 70+ families who used the Jewel Shop N Share certificates this past November producing \$150 in revenue;
- those of you who have provided us with the \$1300;
- Mr. Joe Sener for providing his engineering

Yes, we can!



expertise;

- Mr. Bob Bavirsha for serving as a materials and design consultant;
- Mr. Tony Krier for volunteering as construction foreman, our boss;
- Mrs. Robert Blew and Mrs. Peggy Paxson for their tremendous help! These two wonderful ladies who have really donated their lives to Scouting knocked my socks off when we received their contributions.
- Ed Hoolehan and his Owasippe ranger staff; and
- All of you who will be writing that check soon!

We have an opportunity to give back to the camps, in some small way, some of what we have received. As a unique organization such as we are, a unified and total effort is needed to provide this needed facility for the camps and to exemplify what this group of young and old staffers is all about!



THE GALLOPING GRAPEVINE

Get-well wishes are extended to Peggy Paxson who is recuperating from hip surgery at Fountain View Place, 3175 Lancer in Portage, Indiana, 46368. For years, Peg worked at the Council Service Center and also was an advisor to Explorer Post 9755. She has been one of our most steadfast supporters. We hope she can get around soon!

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Good luck and good fortune to John Kosik as an accountant for Price Waterhouse in Peoria! John served on the OSR staff from 1974 to '79 and again in 1981 as a commissioner at Camp Robert Crown. He was staffman of the year in 1976, was O/A Lodge Chief for 2 years, and served one term as the O/A Section III-A Vice-Chief.

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Welcome to the newborns...Julie Ann born to Chris and Tom Stevens on November 7 and Sean Thomas born to John and Linda Gallagher on November 26! Stay tuned for other late breaking developments regarding the pitter-patter of other little feet! Pretty soon we'll have to open an OSA Day-Care Center!

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Best wishes go out to Rod and Mary Faye (Nedza) Pezdek who were recently married and who now reside in Cicero, Ill. Both served on the Owasippe Staff and come from Scouting families. Many years of happiness!

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The newest member to the OSA is Mort Cliff who has been residing in Palm Springs for the last 14 years. He was aquatic director at Camp West and served on the admin-staff at the "Double O" in the 40's. Back in his "salad days" at camp as an Eagle Scout he also was in charge of the O/A ceremonies putting on some pretty impressive shows. Mort has a doctorate in dramatics and is presently teaching in California. Previously he taught at Illinois State and Indiana Univ.

»» Progress is pulling together <<

It has been recently reported in the CAC "Scouter" that John Kennedy will be Course Director for Troop Leader Training at Owasippe from June 20-26. He is already engaged in organizing the program and staff. Also, John has volunteered to work with the Order of the Arrow as an associate advisor. We wish John well in both assignments. Back in the early 70's, he served as a commissioner and was director of Camp Stuart. He is a Life Member of the Association.

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Chris and Kathryn Bury have relocated from St. Louis to Houston, Texas where Chris has taken on an assignment with KPRC-TV channel 2 as a street reporter. He's on the air at 6 and 10. Recently, he had to cover the unusual arctic snap in Houston on a day when it was 13°F and sleeting. He says that those Southern folk just go bonkers when one snowflake falls! Bury, who spent a number of years on the Owasippe staff, mainly at Wolverine North, was regarded as a top-notch aquaman.

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Tom Janiak, a veteran Scouter of Cicero District, has signed on to the OSA recently. This summer, he worked as a commissioner at Camp Wolverine. In 1973, he served in the same capacity at Camp Sauger Lake. Tom has a continuous record of camping at the "Big O" since 1967! He's a teacher at Argo Community High School.

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Good News! Just before Christmas, Gordon Stiefel and Tina Soltys announced their engagement. It is rumored that they will say their vows at our 6th Annual Meeting in 1984! (Who said that?)

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Thanks to Jack "Tiny" Norman for becoming our most recent and 17th Lifer! His \$100 dues were deposited in our Membership Money Market Fund which presently earns interest at 12.6% and is used directly to offset operating expenses.

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About 30 OSA Caps are still available for purchase @ \$4 each. It is a kelly-green cotton cap with a foam lining, is vented, has a cushioned sweatband, and is adjustable. The cap sports a rectangular embroidered OSA patch with gold stitching. They'll be for sale at the Annual Meeting on March 6. Next on the agenda are shirts and jerseys.

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GRAPEVINE, continued...

Congrats to Bud Huedepohl, one of our newer members, on his recent election as Vice President of the Brookfield Chamber of Comm. Bud is an Owasippe Scouter from way back having been taught the camp trails by Whitt Lloyd and witnessing the construction of the Gus Kopp Dam. He also is director of the Brookfield Civil Defense as well as the OSA's skillful printer owning and operating "Monarch Printers".

Sheridan Nunn has recently been named Chairman of Trustees for the E. Urner Goodman Museum at Owasippe. His responsibility is to develop the displays and collect additional memorabilia once the museum is relocated to the ad center complex. Right now, about \$3000 has been collected toward that effort. Additionally, Sheridan is the Council's High Adventure Chairman.

Facts on the 1981 Jamboree at Fort AP Hill, Va., courtesy of John Kennedy: 30,000 Scouts and Scouters; 2.94 miles of sausage links plus 186,000 eggs for one breakfast; 114 countries were sent invitations to send a Scout unit; 600,000 gallons of water used daily; and 247,000 quarts of milk consumed!

DOMINICK DAYS

The Jewel ShopN Share proved to be an easy way to help the shower project..."No strain, no pain." After all, we all have to go grocery shopping! Well, we're doing it again but this time with the cooperation of Dominick's Finer Foods. As before, 5% of the register tape (excluding cigarettes and liquor) will be donated to the OSA when the enclosed slip is also presented to the cashier. Without presenting that ticket and being sure that it is properly completed, we receive nothing!

Additional tickets will be available at the Council Service Center, the Trading Post, at the March 6 Annual Meeting, and by calling Gordon Stiefel at 221-3717. The Owasippe Lodge Order of the Arrow is also helping in the distribution of the certificates, and we are most grateful for their "cheerful service". All these certificates may be duplicated.

If 500 shoppers spent \$60 each, the OSA would receive \$1500...enough to put in the shower's septic system! So mark these three dates down and do your major shopping then! All of us remembering, shopping and spreading the word will make this success a reality and not just a dream.

FILL IT UP



- FOR THE SHOWERS -
OSA BENEFIT
March 8-9-10
AT

Dominick's
FINER FOODS



A little pride will go a long, long way.



CAMP NEWS... ON THE WING

Ranger Orville Hawk's home by Blackhawk caught on fire recently causing him and his family to move to Munhacke Lodge near Ad Center. Fortunately, no one was hurt and very few personal belongings were damaged. The fire started in the kitchen ceiling and may be due to either exposed wiring or a wood burning stove. The exact cause is unknown. If the funds can be raised, a new ranger's residence will be built above Boot Lake between the Blackhawk and Crown entrance.

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The key staff for the 1982 Summer

Camping season at Owasippe have been announced:

Jim Chandler	- Director of Camping
George Sparks	- Assoc. Dir.- Program
Ed Hoolehan	- Assoc. Dir.- Properties
Bob Radtke	- Assoc. Dir.- Services
Glenn Roberts	- Business Manager
Hank Steggall	- Director, Food Services
Pat Foster	- Director, Trading Post
Jackie Lowy	- Head Nurse
Jim Gallagher	- Director, Blackhawk
Terry Horvath	- Director, Reneker
John Kyle	- Director, Robert Crown
Rick Lowy	- Director, Sauger Lake
Bill Schaefer	- Director, Wolverine

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All necessary insulating and roofing material was purchased for the cabins at Owasippe, however due to manpower and weather problems, only 8 of the 19 staff village cabins were winterized and re-roofed. All 19 cabins did receive new carpeting and kitchen tile. The Ad Center building was repaired and insulated but needs a good cleanup right now because of the water that leaked in this past Fall. Two ranger residences were also

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PIZZA PARTY!

Close to 60 people attended the OSA Pizza Night on Nov. 27 at the Swedish American Recreation Club, 3541 N. Clark in Chicago. They ate nearly 20 "circular delights" from Connie's Pizza and countless bottles of their favorite beverage. Despite it being the day after Thanksgiving, everyone managed to put their share away.

Throughout the evening, people found their way to billiard room, and numerous friendships were reunited. Mike Schlagel and Ron Kulak showed slides of camp and past OSA events. Bill Lotter and Phil Niziol led everyone in a camp songfest.

Special thanks goes to Ken Young who made the hall arrangements, to Gary Hansen for handling the accounting and to Mike Schlagel for running the event. Those coming the farthest were John Scotkovsky, Minneapolis; Frank Chlebek, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and Stan and Judy Territo, Noblesville, Indiana.

(top left) Bill Lotter playing some favorite tunes; (top right) Mike Schlagel delivering; (bottom) slide show



Announcing

IN 1982:

- March 6 - Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance
- Mar 8-10 - Dominick Days
- Apr 26-28 - Jewel Shop N Share
- May 8 - Garage Sale
- May 21-23 - Owasippe Fix-It
- June 4-6 - Camporall at Hoover Scout Reservation
- July 3 - White Sox vs Seattle
- Aug 29 - Picnic
- Sep 10-12 - Owasippe Family Wknd
- Oct 9 - Hoover Fix-It and Octoberfest
- Nov 26 - Pizza Night

**WANT TO
DRAW A
GREAT
CROWD!**



Camp West, Wood Badge Lodge...a meeting place, a testament to pioneering skill... now, merely a memory

Camp News, continued...

fully insulated. All the work done has already made for a big difference in the camp's heating bills.

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Head Ranger Ed Hoolehan's car port was recently converted to a combination office/meeting room. Now, campers can check-in there instead of tramping through Ed's living room and disrupting his family. Our compliments on a good idea!

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Logging has temporarily halted due to the weather. It currently is centered off of Hyde-Park road on the reservation's west end. The mills up there have also cut back drastically. The reservation should be shortly receiving 50,000 board feet of rough-cut Owasippe white pine for use in many of the forthcoming capital improvements.

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BITS & PIECES:

- * Two bids have been received for the construction of the Sauger Lake dining hall. The Camp Properties and Development Committee will probably review the plans this February. Building cost will probably be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.
- * The Camp Development and Properties Committee has approved the implementation of a Staff Training and Development program to replace the Counselor-In-Training program. The new training will be for staff between 14½ and 17 years of age. Gordon Stiefel has been given the task of launching the curriculum which will run between two and three years.
- * The camp's off-season cabin bookings are way up from 1981. Campers can now rent cross-country skis in Whitehall for use on the reservation. If you have never been at Owasippe in the Winter, it really is quite scenic and is ideal for cc skiing and snowmobiling. Staff Village cabins can be rented at \$30 per night with a key deposit of \$25.
- * Owasippe has received about 80" of snow so far this season and presently has a 3 foot base with 5 foot drifts in spots. It has snowed just about every weekend causing many campers to delay their departures for one or two days at times. Just north of camp, many roads have been closed by the State Police.

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Member Information

219 people are listed on our roster on pg. 8. Of those, only 90 are registered for 1982! We encourage all others to submit their annual dues ASAP. As a matter of fact, why not register for 2 or 3 years in advance? And, if you have yet to contribute to our shower house fund, what better time to enclose that little bit extra to help us reach our goal!

The slips below are provided for your convenience. If you'll be attending our Annual Meeting on March 6, you could also register at that time as well. Remember, to vote in the forthcoming board elections, your dues must be current.

In the last three months, we have welcomed the following new members:

Jeffrey Brown	Michael Huedepohl
Mort Cliff	John Kosik
Kathleen Gallery	John "Red" Maluta
Richard Golz	Marilyn Pickers
Russ Gremel	Donald Tenczar
Bud Huedepohl	Keith Tenczar

**GLAD TO
HAVE YOU!**

APPLICATION FORM



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

Birth Date ____/____/____

Signed _____

* **1982** **JOIN THE CLUB**

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* ☐ NEW @ \$10.00

* ☐ RENEWAL @ \$5.00 per yr.

* for _____ years

* ☐ LIFETIME @ \$100.00

* AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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* **PRE-REGISTER**

THE OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOCIATION

PO Box 97, Westchester, Illinois 60153

Yes

- Please include me in your plans to make the shower houses a reality for the kids at camp!
I can help in the following way(s):

____ Enclosed is my \$ _____ DONATION to help complete the project

____ Count me in regarding any work that will have to be done.
Unskilled/Skilled at _____

____ Please contact _____ at _____
_____ for a possible donation.

____ I've got an idea I would like to share, please contact me ASAP!

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST: _____ ZIP _____



**MAIL
TODAY!**